

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

--**FIGURE 11** shows binary vectors containing harvest-inducible promoters fused to the GUS gene. Figure 11A shows a vector comprising GUS under the control of an H7 promoter, and NPTII under the control of a NOS promoter. Figure 11B shows a vector comprising GUS under the control of an H7 promoter, and BAR, under the control of a 35S promoter. Figure 11C shows a vector comprising GUS under the control of an H11 promoter, and NPTII under the control of a 35S promoter. Figure 11D shows a vector comprising GUS under the control of an H12 promoter, and NPTII under the control of a 35S promoter. Pro: promoter; T: terminator; RB/LB: right/left borders from T-DNA region of Ti plasmid of *Agrobacterium*; 35S: from the regulatory region of the 35S transcript of the cauliflower mosaic virus; ¶: catalase intron in GUS gene.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

--HI cDNAs were isolated from a cDNA subtractive library, made from mRNA obtained from field harvested alfalfa, as shown in Figure 1, using a PCR-Select™ kit from ClonTech (Protocol #Pt1117-1, [www. see URL: clontech.com](http://www.clontech.com)). Briefly, this technique compares two populations of mRNA and obtains clones of genes that are expressed in one population but not in the other.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 29, with the following amended paragraph:

--The expression cassette may be joined to a marker for selection in plant cells. Conveniently, the marker may be resistance to a herbicide, eg phosphinotricin or glyphosate, (US 5,4553,367, US 4,940,835, US 5,648,477) or an antibiotic, such as kanamycin, 6418, bleomycin, hygromycin, chloramphenicol, (for example US 5,116,750, US 6,048,730) or the like. Similarly, enzymes providing for production of a compound identifiable by colour change such as *GUS* (*-glucuronidase* $\beta$ *-glucuronidase**beta*), or luminescence, such as luciferase or GFP are also useful.--